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Submitted concomitantly herewith are the following:

(1) Copy of a Communication and Search Report issued in the counterpart European application.

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(2) Copies of the publications considered and made of record in application Serial Nos. 08/672,378 and 08/967,136 (including copies of the publications cited in said European Search Report); and

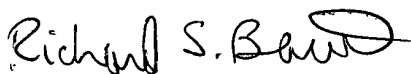
(3) Form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that the attached publications be considered and made "of record".

Attention is directed to the following copending related application:

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